TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 888 - SB 770

March 22, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Disqualifies a member of a county election commission (CEC) from service on the election commission if their immediate family member qualifies as a candidate for public office.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006237): Deletes and replaces language in the original bill such that the substantive changes (1) would require a county election commission official to recuse themselves if a member of their immediate family is on the ballot for public office, and (2) require the State Election Commission (SEC) to appoint a temporary replacement for the election.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- In the event a member of the CEC recuses themselves per the requirements of the proposed legislation, the SEC will appoint a temporary commission member. Recused CEC members will resume their duties upon certification of the applicable election.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-11-108(b), SEC members are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.
- According to the Secretary of State, if appointment of a new commissioner is needed prior to an official meeting of the SEC, a telephonic meeting is conducted for such appointment.
- Any increase in state or local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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